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DON FELIX MARTINEZ IS A SHREWD TRADER

Would Unload a Bunch of
Junk Onto Eastern New
Mexico Disciples of Jeff-
ersonianism.

TRIB-CITIZEN IN BAD

(Special Correspondence)

Whatever you may think of him personally or of a publisher of unsuccessful newspapers you must accord the palm to Don Felix Martinez as a trader. He may have a few equals in this field of endeavor but no superiors. In other words you may tie him but you can't beat him. A year ago Don Felix came to his hands the plant of the defunct El Paso News, consisting of a press, three Mergenthaler line types and other paraphernalia that enters into the equipment of a newspaper office. He tried to find a market for it in vain. Nobody seemed to want that kind of junk at any price. Then Don Felix came to Albuquerque and told the democrats that they needed a newspaper—must have a newspaper. He pointed out to them that nowhere in the territory was there published a vehicle for the dissemination of the doctrine of the true faith that rose above the dignity and influence of a merely local organ. He fired the imaginations of the democrats to whom he talked. They believed—indeed they had no doubt about it—that it was only necessary to issue such a publication as Don Felix outlined, labelled and stamped with the approval of the so-called democratic leaders to assure its immediate success. That is the way people who know nothing about the newspaper business have of regarding it. They will not concede that the publication of newspapers is a highly specialized business in which success is won only by the application of ability and specialized training and experience to the problem at hand. It might be stated parenthetically, however, that the democrats who listened to the siren's song that Don Felix sang are now willing to make a few concessions. They have journeyed once again.

Don Felix persuaded them to found a democratic daily. It was heralded far and near as the Tribune. It was to be the saviour of the democratic party. Don Felix imposed conditions. He insisted that the democrats must provide a guaranteed circulation of not less than 2,500 and raise a fund of at least \$20,000. Of this he was to receive \$12,000 for his newspaper plant and in addition it was stipulated that he was to have a majority of the stock of the company whose assets are covered by a chattel mortgage of \$20,000, and which has fallen behind its expenses from the moment of its existence. Don Felix will be overjoyed because his profits from the sale of his old plant will be temporarily safe. And too, his stock holdings will be monetarily released from the jeopardy of threatened failure. So far as the action of the committee appertaining to statehood was concerned, nobody regarded it seriously. Indeed it was not intended that it should be taken seriously. The newspaper was the thing. Don Felix achieved his purpose so far as it went. Now it remains to be seen what the democrats of the territory will do. If they should fail to respond to the appeal that is to be made to them in fervent tones, then it will look very much as if Don Felix had overreached his market.

In the meantime some well informed Democrats are awaiting a chance to ask Don Felix if it is true that he bought his plant originally second hand and paid \$8,000 for it. That is according to their latest information and those who attend may expect an evening of real pleasure. Tickets can be procured from any member of the arrangement committee.

THESE YOUNG LADIES SOUGHT INDEPENDENCE

Started Out to Meet the
World Face to Face About
Which They Had Dreamed
Dreams.

HOME FROM TUCUM

Two young ladies who lived in Hebrew, concluded that they wanted to be independent, make a living for themselves, and not be dependent upon others for support. They obtained a letter from the pastor of the Methodist church at Hebrew to a lady who lived in Kansas City, packed their trunks, and started out to meet face to face that world of which they had dreamed, but of which they had seen and new so little. Their father was dead, and they said good-bye to their widowed mother, believing that very soon they would be sending her some of the fruits of their honest toil, and helping to make life sweet for her in her declining years. But alas!

"How vain are all things here below.
How false and yet how fair."

When the young ladies reached Kansas City, the lady they expected to meet was not in the city, and rather than return home without an effort to secure work they went to an Employment Agency, who sent them to Tucum-

TUCUMCARIANS WANT DEEP WELL

Many of Our Citizens Are
Willing to Take Stock
in a Deep Well Proposition.

THINK IT OVER

The citizens of Tucumcari and vicinity are anxious to know whether or not we have artesian water gas or oil in this valley, and a news representative has been interviewing some of them this week, and finds that many of them will invest in a deep well. They want to see a well put down deep enough to determine whether or not we can get artesian water, and they are willing to form a joint stock company, and defray the expense of the well provided they can share in the profits.

It will cost probably as much as \$1,000 to put down the well, but if two hundred persons will invest as much as \$25 each, the work can be done. Several men to whom the News talked agreed to take as much as \$50 in stock.

The plan is as follows: To form a joint stock company with a paid up capital of \$10,000, to be divided into shares of \$10 each. Elect officers and adopt by-laws. Then after the organization of the company is completed, advertise to receive proposals from the land owners of the county, in which will be set forth the terms on which the well will agree to have the well put down on their land. It will be understood that if the well produces either artesian water, gas or oil, that those having stock in the company will have a corresponding amount of stock in the well. The stock holders by vote shall select the land upon which the well is to be located. Should the well not produce either artesian water, gas or oil, the stock owners will agree that the owner of the property on which the well has been put down retain his title to land as before.

The News has already the names of several subscribers who will take as much as five shares each, and all who are interested will give their names to the News with the amount of stock they will take.

REV. TAGGART HAS RESIGNED

Rev. W. C. Taggart, who has had charge of the Baptist church of Tucumcari for the past year, has tendered his resignation to the congregation, to take effect in April. Rev. Taggart has made many friends since coming to Tucumcari, who will be sorry to see him leave the city. The church under his pastorate has grown in membership, and all of the material interests have advanced. The Baptist congregation is one of the largest in the city. They have a good church building, well located, and all of the auxiliaries of the church are well organized and doing efficient service.

B. OF L. F. AND E. BALL AT CAR RUTHERS BUILDING MARCH 17

On account of the burning of the Skating Rink the firemen will be given in the east room of the Carruthers block on west Main street on the night of March 17th. The room has been put in good condition and is an ideal place for the dance.

The committee will see that every necessary will be done to make the occasion a pleasant one. The gentlemen in charge know how to do things and those who attend may expect an evening of real pleasure. Tickets can be procured from any member of the arrangement committee.

THE ECONOMY COAL OIL BURNER

In this issue of the News will be found the ad of W. E. Branch and Company agents for the Economy coal oil burner. They are temporarily located on east Main street one door west of the Simpson building. The agents claim that the burner reduces the fuel bill at least forty percent, with no wood to split, no coal to buy, and no axes to handle. The wood splitting part will appeal to every man in the country, for no man likes to split wood, and when they take up the axes they generally make more dirt on the carpet than the good lady of the house can clean up in twice the time it would have consumed in taking up the ashes herself. Ladies are strongly urged to call and examine the burner.

SEVERE HAS MILLIN ERY OPENING TODAY

Constable Fred White has had some real experience in the eastern part of the county recently where he went with a search warrant looking for stolen goods. But Fred made good, and while he had exchanged several shots with the parties he tried to capture he succeeded in bringing three persons to trial, captured a pistol belonging to the fourth, and ran the fifth so closely that he left his coat which Fred brought to the city.

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VERDICT GUILTY WITH CLEMENCY

Constable Fred White Has
A Very Hot Experience
With A Bunch of Out-
Laws.

THINK IT OVER RETURNS HOME ALIVE

"Guiltiness," with a recommendation of clemency of the court, was the verdict of the jury Thursday in the case of the Territory vs. Sandy Mcgraff, P. C. McGriff and Mary Hughes, who were charged in the warrant with concealing stolen goods. The McGriffs live near Mr. Anderson in this county. Sandy Hughes is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McGriff. There are two other members of the McGriff family, they are young men aged 19 and 24 years. Sometime early in the month of January this year, some one broke into the house of Mrs. Hooper who lives about four miles east of Tucumcari, and stole certain goods from her trunk in the house. Among the things stolen were some wearing apparel, and laundry and her sister, Miss Marie Anderson, saw some ladies pass their father's residence, wearing a bonnet that was among the things taken from her trunk in January. One of the ladies wore a skirt, and Mrs. Hooper identified this as her own. They followed the parties to Tucumcari and identified the McGriff dugout as belonging to Mrs. Hooper. When they went to the dugout no one was at home, but soon the McGriff boys came, and they allowed the search to be made. They also searched the dugout of Mary Hughes which was only a few steps from the McGriffs, and there found property belonging to Mrs. Hooper. The boys told the constable that they would go to the post office and water the horses, and picking each a rope started to the post office, but the postman evidently was a large one for they did not return two days later when White started to Tucumcari. White tried to apprehend the boys but failed to persuade them to halt. He was in sight of them several times, called upon them to halt, and when they failed to stop, a running battle took place in which a half dozen shots were fired by White and returned by the boys. Finding that alone he could not overtake and arrest them, he returned to the dugout and finding the father, mother and sister there placed them under arrest and brought them to Tucumcari where they were tried with the result as above stated.

The jury in rendering their verdict asked for Mrs. McGriff and her daughter Mary Hughes, the elements of the court, because of the age of Mrs. McGriff and the fact that Mary Hughes is the mother of a small baby. The McGriff boys are still at large, but unless they leave the territory the officials will soon bring them to justice.

CONTEST IN ORATORY AND ELOCUTION

Much interest is manifested in the coming oratorical and elocutionary contest in the Tucumcari high school. A gold medal will be awarded the winner in oratory and one will be awarded the successful contestant in elocution. Any young lady regularly enrolled in the high school is eligible to enter the elocutionary contest and any young man, regularly enrolled as a high school student is entitled to enter the oratorial contest. The contest will be held in April. There are already several entries for both contests. The object is not only to give these young people training along these lines but also to enable the Tucumcari high school to enter a competitor at the Territorial contest at Albuquerque next winter.

JUDGE CUTLIP AT OBAR

Judge J. D. Cutlip went to Obar Tuesday of this week to represent his clients in three suits of attachment against one B. S. Belcher, who had sold all his belongings and was preparing to leave the Territory. The Judge got verdicts in favor of his clients in all three cases which were tried before Justice T. W. Street, for the fine trees he furnished the schools free of charge.

FRANK CLARK TRIES TO BURN JAIL

Frank Clark was arrested on a charge of drunkenness some days ago, was given a sentence of fifteen days in the county jail. The next morning after his confinement he tried to burn the jail. The bedding and some furniture was burned but the fire was extinguished before the building was injured. He is now at work on the streets of the city.

Warden of Territorial Penitentiary and Enroute to Kansas City for Treatment for Heart Trouble.

REMAINS SHIPPED TO KANSAS CITY

J. W. Reynolds, warden of the territorial penitentiary, who has for the past year been troubled with valvular heart trouble, and who we are informed has been sinking rapidly since his participation in the ceremonies of the inauguration of Governor Mills, died on the Rock Island Limited Thursday evening about ten minutes before reaching this city. Mr. Reynolds was advised by Dr. Knapp, physician of the territorial penitentiary, who was also his family physician, that he must seek a lower altitude and Mr. Reynolds accompanied by his family and his physician left Santa Fe Thursday morning en route to Kansas City, hoping the change would bring relief. Mr. Reynolds was a member of the Order of Elks and Dr. Knapp is the exalted ruler of the Santa Fe lodge, and arrived here at once noticed the medical condition of the warden, which took charge of the medical office and had it evaluated and prepared for shipment after which Mrs. Rey-

ARBOR DAY IS OBERSEVED HERE

Large Number of Trees Are
Planted By School Children
and Appropriately Named.

CHILDREN ENJOY IT

Arbor day was observed in a very fitting manner by the city schools this week. The literary exercises were held on Wednesday and the tree planting on Thursday. Wednesday at the chapel point, 10:30, exercises of an appropriate character were held in the high school auditorium. The program consisted of recitations by Florence Surgay, Ethel Howell and Bessie Roselius of the 8th grade and Willie Arnold of the fifth grade. The fifth grade also gave an exercise that was appropriate and well rendered. Sarah Hall of the eighth grade read an essay on the "Uses of Trees." Several Arbor day songs were sung.

In the Primary room at the high school building Mrs. Munson's pupils gave a very interesting and unique program. There were songs and exercises and the children had also prepared some hand work appropriate to the occasion.

At the Central school, exercises were held at 3:00 P. M. in the various rooms. The program in Mrs. Hind's room participated in by this room and Miss Catherine's room is especially worthy of mention. There were recitations by Madge Campbell, Arctic Smith, Catherine Freeberg, Fritz Kronenberg, Lucie Wharton, Viola Reynolds and Diamond Ball. Several appropriate songs were also sung by the pupils.

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The tree planting on Thursday morning was especially an enjoyable affair to the young people. The pupils all met in their respective rooms at the usual time and at a given signal they all marched to the grounds by rooms and proceeded to plant the trees in the places that had been previously assigned by the pupils.

The entire plan meets with my enthusiastic approval. I shall work to make the coming of Mr. Pattengill to this section of the territory an educational inspiration not only to the teachers but to the citizenship at large.

I am greatly interested in having you and Mr. Pattengill come to this county in the interests of education. I am personally willing to guarantee the amount allotted to us.

One county superintendent writes "I will see myself that Honorable H. B. Pattengill and yourself receive a hearty reception from the teachers at ——

As to the money I am more than satisfied that I can raise it any day right in the town, but if on any account I should fail to get the people to help I will give the amount myself and will also try to get as many teachers to come as can possibly do so."

These are only a few of many letters that have come to this department and I feel quite safe in completing the arrangements for the lecture as planned. The only matter that has caused reticence is the question of raising the funds necessary to defray the expenses at each place. In regard to this allow me to say I believe that if the matter is properly presented to a few citizens who are genuinely interested in school work it will not be difficult to raise the amount asked. A nominal admission, if sufficient interest is stirred up, will in many cases cover the expenses. Teachers and school children may be asked to help in disposing of tickets. It should be deeply impressed upon the community that upon this occasion citizens may well give themselves up to the consideration of educational matters. It has been stated that the "Republies chief study is education." Education is certainly New Mexico's chief duty and every community should consider that education is its chief duty. I believe that if whole-hearted efforts are made on the part of the teachers and educators of each city and town to be visited the people will be inspired as never before to a deep and lasting interest in the enterprise of the educating the children to become valuable citizens of New Mexico.

Yours very sincerely
J. E. Clark.

Territorial Superintendent Public Instruction.

Department of Education, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 4th, 1910.

Educator of National Reputation, Editor of "The Moderator Topics," Will Lecture in Most of the Towns in New Mexico.

S U P T S. R E S P O N S I V E

evening lecture."

"We will be ready for it."

"I feel confident we can arrange the expense matter."

"Allow me to say that I am notifying all the teachers and will also give the Sunday night meeting special publicity and insure the attendance of all who desire to hear the lecture. I am very much pleased that you are to visit this county and doubly so because you are to bring one with you who will assist you in stirring up an interest in the school work."

"Mr. ——— the Superintendent of the school was in this office on Saturday. He knows Mr. Pattengill and urges me to tell him come to our county, believing that his coming will mean much to all."

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HON. HENRY PATTENGILL WILL VISIT TUCUMCARI

TO COUNTY AND CITY SUPERINTENDENTS,
TOWN PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS.

You have undoubtedly been informed of the expected visit to this territory of Honorable Henry R. Pattengill, Editor of "The Moderator Topics" and State Superintendent of Michigan in 1892-96. His itinerary will begin at Trinidad, Colorado, on Monday April 4th and as now planned will include the following points—Trinidad April 4th, Raton April 5th, Dawson April 6th, Doses and Folsom April 7th, Clayton April 8th, Dalhart April 9th, Tucumcari April 10th and 11th, Santa Rosa April 12th, Estancia April 13th, Santa Fe April 14th, 15th and 16th,